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### **ULSTER LOYALISTS** IN AMAZING PLOT TO OBTAIN ARMS

No More Sensational Governor Admits Situ-Remarkable Evidence of Coup Ever Attempted in England.

DEFENSE FORCE IS STRENGTHENED

More Than 70,000 Rifles and 5,000,000 Rounds of Ammunition Secured in Gun-Running Exploit Hidden in Secret Destinations-Officials Powerless to Act.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] ing held up to ridicule by the Unionists, who allege that they endeavored to force Ulster to accept home rule strike situation. Sovernor Ammons determined to ask province, Ulster Loyalists to-day de-

As a result of this dramatic and deeply significant action the Ulster defense force is to-day richer by 70,-600 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Here is a broad outline of the bold and deliberate scheme.

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of pickets were posted, and only those accredited loyalists who had the passaword and countersign were allowed to arrive or depart. All telegraphic or telephonic communication was cut off from the four towns, and only the commanders of the volunteers could signal each other by means of lighted lanterns.

The police and customs officers in each place were powerless. The entire provinge was in the hands of the Loyalists all of last night. By morn-

## PRESIDENT ASKED TO RUSH TROOPS INTO COLORADO

ation Beyond His Control.

PROMPT APPEAL FORCED BY WOMEN

They Gather in Numbers at State House, and Refuse to Leave Until He Consents to Take Up Matter With National' Chief Executive.

Denver, Col., April 25.-Governor London, April 25 .- While Premier Ellas M. Atomora to-night at 9 o'clock. Asquith and his government are be- by wire, requested President Wilson to "send Federal troops into Colorado

ned every law in the Constitution by an amazing gun-running exploit

No more amazing or sensational session with women of the State, who declared they would not leave the tory of England; in fact, the exploit eclipses the strangest romance ever compiled with their demands that declared they would not leave the. State House until the Governor had compiled with their demands that conceived by the most fertile novel- Federal troops be asked for from the zil and Chile.

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The Norwegian steamer Fanny, which a month ago left Hamburg, had secretly transferred to her a week later a full cargo of arms from a German Highter off the Danish Island Langeland. Last night the Fanny, after narrowly escaping capture by British warships, arrived at a rendezvous off the County Down Coast, where she unloaded her cargo of arms and ammunition to two smaller steamers, one of which then proceeded to Larne and the other to Bangor and Donaghadee.

"Conditions in this State compel me to request of you that Federal troops be sent immediately into the State of Colorado for the following reasons: Since September 23, 1913, there has been a general strike of coal miners throughout the major portion of the State of Colorado. The situation in the son October 26, 1913, the State in the Trindad District, became so critical that on October 26, 1913, the State in the Trindad District, became so critical that was possible to set the field. The situation demanded all the militia that it was possible to set or countries and the militia that it was possible to set or countries. the other to Bangor and Donaghadee, cure under the conditions here in Colo-

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For this staggering tour de force, every Ulsterite member of the Ulster volunteers mobilized around Bangor, Larne, Doanhadee and Belfast, Lines of pickets were posted, and only those district. There are probably 3,000 men armed in open insurrection.

"I have available 650 militiamen,

## HOUSE SENTIMENT STRONGLY FAVORS WAR DECLARATION

Unrest on Mexican Situation.

STORM EXPECTED TO BREAK MONDAY

In Conference of Democratic Leaders Plan Is Discussed of Sending Committee to Inform President That Impelling Feeling Is for Unequivocal Stand.

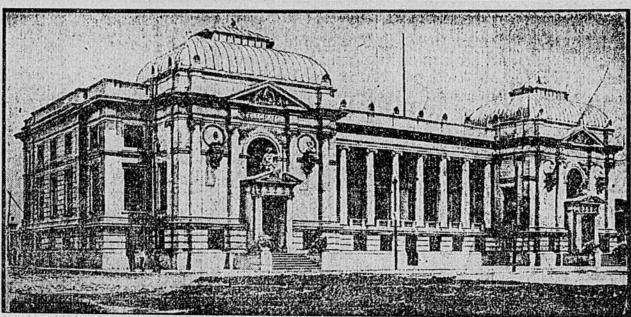
Washington, April 25-Though the Mexican crisis has been under suppression in Congress for several days while the President and his Cabinet executed plans of reprisals against the deflance of General Huerta, there is an impelling undercurrent of feeling in both Senate and House for a declaration of war, which was tempered somewhat to-night by the acceptance of offers of mediation from Argentine, Bra-

Leaders in Congress for several days had been discussing informally the necessity for an unequivocal declara-tion of war, for a sweeping campaign in Mexico and for the ultimate estab-lishment by force of American arms of peace and constitutional government in

No swell from the undercurrent reached the surface to-day, however, but Congressmen in both Houses had predicted a storm would break on Monday or soon after American troops reached Vera Cruz to support the naval forces there. Members who were most ation proposals, that no further ag-gressive action toward Mexico should be forced until it should become ap parent that the good offices of South American nations would fail.

Strong Evidence of Unrest. Although there was evidence in the Senate of the feeling of dissatisfaction with present conditions, the most remarkable evidence of unrest was given in the House. During a day de-Were in conference and sentiment developed was strongly in favor of war. In the conferences more than a In the conferences more than a dozen of the most prominent men on the Democratic side participated. Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood, Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Relations Committee; Chairman Fitzgeraid, of the Appropriations Committees and Chairman Handelbergeraid. and Chairman Hay, of the Mill-Committee, figured in all of them The discussion was so outspoken appointment of committee to consist of Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood

Americans Hold Vera Cruz; May Go on to Mexico City





of the battleship Florida, who com-manded the landing party at Vern Crus.

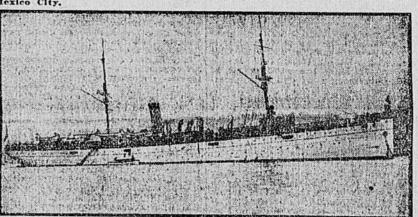
# **AMERICANS SAVED**

Rioting at Tampico Starts After U. S. Warships Steam to Sea.

MEXICAN MOB STORMS HOTEL



the Mexican Railway, between Vera Cruz



## **WILSON ACCEPTS MEDIATION OFFER** BY THREE NATIONS

South American Republics Will Attempt to Bring Peace.

PROPOSAL IS SENT TO MEXICO CITY

No Further Steps Will Be Taken Until Replies Are Received. Army and Navy Will Continue Preparations for Future Emergencies-President Not Sanguine of Success of Plans, but Feels It Duty of American Government to Avail Itself of Proffer-Congress on Brink of General Debate on War Declaration, but New Turn in Events May Forestall Discussion.

Washington, April 25 .- Pan-Amercan diplomacy to-night made its first

attempt to solve the Mexican crisis by peaceful negotiation.

The United States government accepted from Argentine, Brazil and Chile a formal offer to act as intermediaries in the present situation, but reservedly pointed out that an act of aggression by the military forces, or hostile demonstrations toward Americans might upset hopes of immediate peace.

Coincidentally with the acceptance of the mediation offer, administration of-ficials said there would be no cessation of preparations by the army and navy for future emergencies and no or-ders would be issued to the naval forces with Vera Cruz or the ships at sea, changing plans. No further steps, however, to secure reparation for the indignities which gave rise to the present situation will be attempted while the effort is being made to bring about a settlement through diplomacy. Huerta Told of Acceptance.

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The Brazilian, Argentine and Chilean envoys transmitted to the United States acceptance of their proposal to the Spanish ambassador, who immediately sent it by cable to the Spanish legation at Mexico City for presentation to General Huerta.

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tion to General Huerta.

General Carranza, head of the Constitutionists, was informed of it through his representatives here.

The three diplomats later announced no further steps would be taken by them until replies had been received. Although the offer made by the three South American countries did not reveal their plans, it was learned that they contemplate a broad settlement of the Mexican problem through the elimination of Huerta upon which the United States has insisted from the beginning.

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